

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A method for manufacturing Ni-Al alloy powders for fuel cells using aluminum chloride, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) mixing Al powders with Ni powders; and
- (b) supplying gas containing catalytic AlCl_3 to the mixed powders of the step (a) at a temperature of below fusion points of Ni and Al to chemically react Ni and Al with each other, thus forming Ni-Al alloy powders.

Claim 2 (Currently amending): A method for manufacturing Ni-Al alloy powders for fuel cells using aluminum chloride as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas containing catalytic AlCl_3 is any-one selected from the group consisting of He, Ar, H_2 and, N_2 , and any combinations thereof.

Claims 3 through 4 (Cancelled without prejudice).